Posting of guards at strategic railway bridges

1658. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to post guards at all the strategic railway bridges particularly in sensitive areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The primary responsibility for providing protection to railway track and bridges is of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. They are to determine the security needs of startegic bridges. No proposal on the lines indicated in the Question is under consideration of the Central Government.

Working of the Delhi Tourism Development Corporation

1659. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Administrative Reforms Department of the Delhi Administration conducted a work study of the Delhi Tourism Development Corporation in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by the Department in their report; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to implement the report of the Administrative Reforms Department?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the activities of the Corporation in January 1987 the Work Study Team has assessed the requirement of posts in the Corporation at 531. The other recommendations include:

(i) the surplus staff should be identified and deployed in units where the work is in arrears.

(ii) Corporation should organise suitable training programmes to up-grade the skill of the employees.

The Work Study also recommended early formulation of Recruitment Rules for various posts in the Corporation.

(c) The recommendations made by Administrative Reforms Department were approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at their meeting held on 26th March, 1987.

Since then the Corporation has identified the surplus staff and 31 surplus employees have been deputed to various offices of Delhi Administration. Some surplus man-power is being deployed to man the new wine shops opened by the Corporation in the recent past.

As regards training, the supervisory staff of Catering Division has already under gone training in the area of Food Cost Control. The Corporation is in touch with the Computers Maintenance Corporation for organising a training course for the staff in the field of computers.

The Corporation has also formulated Recruitment Rules for various posts which have since been approved by the Board of Directors.

Retention of lawyers abroad to look after the interests of emigrant workers

1660. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to raise a fund to retain lawyers abroad to fight the claims of Indian emigrant workers and to meet the expenses of their repatriation in case they are stranded; and